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NATIONAL THEATRE, "The Private Sec-HERROR'S MUSICUS. — Comic opera, "The Mascot," by the Jounie Elminall Company, THEATRE COMIQUE.—Ida Siddons' Burlesque DIME MUSEUM.—The burlesque, "Fun to a Toy Shop."

#### WEATHER INDICATIONS.

The special bulletin issued from the Sigual Office to-day eays:
For Sunday-Partly cloudy weather and local snows are indicated for New England and the Middle Atlantic States.

THE mapper in which that policeman secured information about a disorderly bouse was not new. It has been tried be fore, but hardly more than once in the same city. Public opinion is in itself a strong policeman, and public opinion is against any such work.

Ir is a novelty to hear of a protest against unjust discrimination in the matter of street improvements against the northwestern ection of the city

For many years all other sections have combined in a vigorous and continuous complaint that the northwestern section was getting the lion's share and all other regions suffering injustice.

The tables seem at last to have been turned as far as the complaints are con-

SPAIN appears extremely auxious to bave her treaty with this country ratified. The Spanish Government will empower Senor Valers, the Minister at Washington, to assent to modifications of the pending Hispano-American treaty if such shall be necessary to insure Its ratification by the American Senate. As the treaty now stands it is proposed to admit free into America sugars not above 16, Dutch standard. Spain. owever, will allow the treaty to be modified to the extent of admitting only sugars up to class 13,

In this monumental age and developing nonumental city, there should certainly be an enduring memorial to the victims of the Greely party.

The plan to expend for the monument the \$25,000 appropriated as a reward for rescuing the party is an eminently ap-propriate one. Few persons are more worthy of monumental fame than the brave Lieutenant of the United States Navy, who approached nearer to the North Pole than any other man and planted our standard in the highest latitude in which a flag ever

Few people have any idea of the ex pense attendant upon a military court that prolongs its sessions through weeks and months as is the case with the Swaim Morrow Court-Martial.

The conclusion that such a court costs the Government thousands of dollars a month is not extravagant. In the Swalm court the mileage allowed the officers will not aggregate less than \$3,000 and may double that amount.

The telegraphic correspondence of the three principal officers in carrying the tueiness of their posts and departments by

wire entails a very large daily expense.

The attendance of sids to these officer. adds an important item, the innumerable trips of the Judge-Advocate to and from New York, etc.

The Ebbitt House parlors, occupied by the court, command a rental of \$16 per day. The expense of keeping up the record averages \$25 per diem. The stationery bills cannot fall below the hundreds. Messengers and doorkeepers are needed, and so the cost rolls up until the bill presented to the Government sented to the Government to pay assumes huge proportions.

THE Naval Court of Inquiry that investigated Department voucher frauds was thorough and comprehensive in its work and its decision will command respect.

The greater portion of the report cannot be made public now as the Secretary be-lieves that it would exert an undue influence upon the criminal cases pending, and perhaps interfere with the investigations of the District Attorney.

The one important conclusion reached and promulgated, that the fraudulent practices did not extend beyond the limits of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, is a decision that will be received with congratulation. The greatest and growing out of lation. The greatest evil growing out of such investigations as this is the tendency they have to throw discredit upon men whose reputations should be above question, and in this case the entire Department was thrown under a cloud of suspicion, unjust and unfounded, and fostered by malicious

slander and spite.

The greatest good that such an investigation can accomplish is to definitely locate the blame and responsibility—to vindicate the innocently suspected no less than to condemn the justly accused.

#### SOME NEWSPAPER SAYINGS.

Nature "All Broke Up." The year approaches its close in a catactysm of clemental eccentricity. Cold and wards succeed each other with the bewildering rapidity of a "lightning change" and carthquakes and that waves perturb alike the solid ground and the unstable waves.—Trov

Payne's Potent Political Labricator It is conceded on all sides that if Mr. Wm. G. Whitney 'a' "lith" were not thoroughly labricated with standard oil he would stand no chance whatever of winning the race for a Calinet position. A good rubbing down with that fluid does wonders for a Democratic athlete. Cleriond Leader.

The Area of the Rasin.

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The territory embraced in the "geographical basin of the Cengo," which the luternational African Association claims, comprises 9,000,000 square miles, an area forty-four times larger than France.—Tray Traes.

Good to Braw Baid Heads.

The boy in the clavator of a Broad why building said to a passenger the other day.

"They're playing something new at Harrigan & Harrie Fon going up to night."

"Why, its harned dows," replied the passencer, "they're net playing anything."

"Why, yes iney are; they're playing the hose."

"The hose, ch? Good thing to draw bald heads, ch?" New York Pribune. The Weapon Named.

Victor Noir, whose tractic death is well remembered, was a man of little or no education. Shortly before his murder he sent a chellenge to Faul de Cassenas for having written articles attacking Republicanism in France. On reading the letter the imperial

dusting laughed heartly. It was full of ignor ant blunders, especially bad spelling. He reant blunders, especially as the without any pited as follows:
"Stris, You have challenged me without any plausible reason. Therefore I have the citoics of weapons. I chaose orthography. Consider yourself a dead man. "Paul. DE Cassagnac."

Von Hagen New ...

Going to the Exposition.

A man went fishing in the Minnesota Liver recently and hooked a large wall-syed pike. He began to play with him, when the lish, running under the book, capalized it, got in bineself, and putting on the man's overcoat, started for New Orleans. Burdleyton Free She Did Not Want to Start a Tan

nery. A foolish question—"Lend me your ear a minute," remarked Mrs. Brown to her hus-band the other evening. "Will you give it back to me?" he inquired, with mock anxiety.
"Of course I will, you idlot! Do you suppose I want to start a tannery!"
I want to start a tannery!"
She got the ear.—Troy Times.
It Works Both Ways.

"Ouch!" exclaimed young Johnny Jarphly, who was receiving a "reminder." "You got the wrong end, mah! you got the wrong end, mah! you got the wrong end of the rule! That end has got the brass tip on it!"
"It's a poor rule that won't work both ways, philosophically replied Mrs. Jarphly, as and adjusted the stide to his decellations.—Fills burgh Obverde.

"We never speak as we pass pie," wrote a deal and dumb waiter girl to a drummer who was trying to mash her.—Brooklyn Times.

A Musical Criticism.

The next feature of the programme was an

A finsteat Criticism.

The next feature of the programme was an appeal by Captain Heek to the audience to buy books of the opera—only 5 cents—Lowell Bell.

The Chieses finst Go.

He (selemily)—"You had a very narrow escape last night, Miss Julia."

She—"Mercy; what do you mean?"

He—"Well, you see, I had a dream about you. I thought I was just about to kies you when the Chinaman rapped at the door, and I woke up."

woke up."
She (after a pause)—"The Chinese must go
Only the Intimate friends of the Iamilles inyited."—Sun Francisco Post.

Sir Robert Brudenell Carter, M. D., F. S., of the Royal College of Surgeons land, In his volume on Eyesight, sav In my owa eat deal, bott in the exercise that they for the short-sighted it is like, because there can never out to stoop over it, so that a them in writing is altogether ext only in advantage to the affords for writing are those dis for reading what has been as labor of seeing in every stage is either abolished or reduced. So much is this the case that that its use is readily acquired—Bradelreet.

Mr. Randalt's Departure. Representative Randall will leave Wachington this afternoon on a visit to a number of Southern cities. He will be in Louisville Monday: Nashville, Tenn., Tuesday, and Dirmingham, Ala., Friday, If possible he will probably be accompanied by Mrs. Randall and Representative McAdoo, of New Jersey.

The Weakness of Arthur's Caudi-dacy.

The candidacy of President Arthur is becom-ing impracticable. The party cannot unite upon bim. He has leased so decidedly toward free trade in his appointment of ficeretary McCullech and in his regent message, that the protectionists of New York do not con-sider him a fitting representative of the State.

— Buttimore American.

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